

## Propose Addition To Agriculture Building

### Several Petitions For Better Roads Heard By Board

### Sale of Real Estate Ordered For Delinquent Taxes For Year of 1950

Pointing out that there is a nation-wide movement to consolidate all agricultural agencies under one roof in each county, representatives of the Production and Marketing Administration and Farm Agent Tom Brandon appeared before the regular meeting of the Martin County Commissioners and discussed the possibility of enlarging the agriculture building. All such agencies are housed in the crowded building at the present time except J. C. Eubanks' Farmer Home Administration.

Agent Brandon said that they were crowded in the building that offices were maintained in the auditorium. It is proposed that office space be added to the rear of the present structure.

Commissioner C. C. Martin was named to represent the county board on a committee with instructions to outline plans and present them to a later meeting. It was explained that no action could be taken on the project immediately.

The commissioners ordered real estate advertised in May for sale in June where the 1950 tax accounts had not been paid. According to Tax Collector M. L. Peel the tax picture as it related to 1950 is much brighter than the one for 1949 at the corresponding period of the year. All but \$38,493.01 of the \$335,489.59 levy for 1950 has been collected. A year ago, \$44,705.54 was due on 1949 taxes.

The collector also reported that all but \$8,096.22 of the \$313,314.06 for 1949 has been collected, that there was a balance of \$5,018.35 due on 1948 taxes, and only \$3,119.03 was due on the 1947 levy. It is fairly certain that a sizable amount of the tax now due will be paid before the delinquent list is advertised early next month.

### Escapes Injury In Wreck Last Night

Losing control of the father's 1950 Dodge, Bill Bob Peel ran the machine off the Roanoke River fill into Conine swamp early last evening, the young man declaring he had not even thought about getting out of the car.

Driving toward Williamston, the young man said he started to pass a pick-up truck just about the time the pick-up started to pass a third vehicle. The bumper and fender of the pick-up truck struck the door of the Peel car, throwing it out of control. Peel, just recently returned home from school to make ready for active duty in the National Guard, was traveling alone and suffered only minor shock when the car went down the embankment near the eastern end of the fill and turned over. He said he was driving about fifty miles an hour when it took off into the swamp, and that there was no insurance to cover the loss which was estimated at more than \$1,000.

### Man Booked For False Pretense

Charged with claiming unemployment compensation when he was gainfully employed, Fred Douglas, local colored man, was carried into Justice Chas. R. Mobley's court last week, it was reported by Wood Privott, claim deputy in this area for the Employment Security Commission.

Douglas, formerly employed by the Dixie Peanut Company, was required to refund the payments received from the commission and pay the court costs.

### BLUE MOLD

Blue mold, said to be prevalent to a great extent in Georgia, South Carolina and sections along the border, made its first appearance in this county last week, according to a report coming from Farmer William Q. James. The mold, covering about one square yard, was found on the farm of A. T. Taylor, Mr. James' father-in-law of Robersonville. The plants were said to have ranged in size between a quarter and fifty-cent piece.

### Plans Completed For Band Concert And Annual Fete

### Finishing Touches Put On Program For Thursday Night At High School

Plans were virtually completed last night by the Williamston Band Club for the annual birthday party to be given the Green Wave Band Thursday night following the annual concert in the high school auditorium which is scheduled to start at 8-15 p. m.

Professor Jack Butler told the members of the club that the young musicians were now putting the finishing touches on the concert program which is to have a variety such as to appeal to the various lovers of band music. In the program will be three marches for those who like stirring, spirited music, overtures for those who care for this class, chorales, selections and two descriptive numbers, one department of the concert that always gets a big hand from the younger listeners and many of the older ones.

The marches include Indiana State Band, National Emblem, and Red Wagons, the latter a circus-style march written by the man who for years directed the band of Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus.

The selections include Fincula, Fincula, The Man I Love and Swanee, the last two by Gershwin as arranged by Yoder and Bennett.

The chorale is Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring by Bach while the overture is Mantilla by Yoder. One of the outstanding features of the concert will be a solo by Miss Sarah Manning, solo clarinetist who is making her last concert appearance with the band after four years of holding first chair in her section. She will be accompanied by the band in Capricious Aloysious.

The descriptive numbers are Teddy Bear's Picnic and The Synopated Clock. Those who have heard these numbers in practice have been pleased with their arrangement and presentation. The birthday party will follow the band concert and like the concert itself will be under the sponsorship of the band.

### Veteran Of War Is Found Dead

James D. Coburn, 36, was found dead at his home here on Washington Street last Thursday morning. He was the apparent victim of a heart attack.

A veteran of World War II, Coburn attended veterans' school here the night before and left early for his home, stating that he had a severe pain in his chest. He went to his home and when he did not report for work between 9:00 and 10:00 o'clock the next morning, Crawford Howard went there and found him dead.

Coroner Billy Biggs, investigating the death, said there was no evidence of foul play, that the man apparently died of heart attack. The doors to the room where he slept and died were securely fastened from the inside, the coroner said.

### Civil Calendar In Superior Court Is Cleared Thursday

### Papers Issued In One Case Where Probation Terms Were Violated

The Martin County Superior Court, after working seven days, ended a two-week term last Thursday. It'll be back in session for two weeks beginning the 16th of this month when only civil cases will be considered.

Convicted and sentenced to serve twelve months on the roads at the December, 1949, term for larceny, James B. Hilliard was placed on probation. It was pointed out to the court that the probation terms had been violated and his arrest was ordered by Judge W. C. Harris, presiding. Civil proceedings not previously reported:

In the case of Ida A. Brown, Margaret B. Sabatell and others against Walter E. Brown, Jr., and others, the court approved the sale of 45 acres of land in Robersonville Township to R. A. Critcher and others for \$3,700. The original bid was \$2,100.

John A. Revels, claiming the terms of a contract had not been met, was granted a \$375 judgment against Paul Birdsong.

In the case of R. S. Critcher against Jesse Whitley and Jesse Barnes, the power of attorney from the late Sherman Barnes to Jesse Barnes was declared void and the plaintiff declared owner of certain land in Williamston. The court approved the sale of the land for \$3,300.

Suing to recover \$1,996 on a note dated April 20, 1933, Betty Gurkin and others were barred by the statute of limitations in her case against Homer Peel and others.

In the case of B. S. Courtney against Sidney Lewis, the plaintiff was declared owner of certain property and was given a judgment in the sum of \$213.46. A \$5,000 judgment was granted the plaintiffs in the case of Frank C. Moore and others against Jenness Morrill and others.

In the case of Cowen against Willie and Dennis Modlin, the referee's report was accepted and boundaries as set out in a survey were recognized. The court allowed Referee Clarence Griffin a \$500 fee and the stenographer, Frances Raynor, was paid \$210.

In the case of C. E. Jenkins against William James Grimes, (Continued on page six)

### Third Victim Of Wreck in Hospital

Thinking it was of no consequence at the time, Mrs. Julius Revels, a short time later, went to a doctor and learned that a small piece of bone had been shivered from her spine when an automobile driven by V. J. Ferris of New York City crashed into the side of Pierce Brothers' store at Corey's Cross Roads early last Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Revels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pierce and a visitor in the store at the time of the unusual accident, was leaning against the counter. The car knocked in the side of the store building and pushed the shelving against the counter, Mrs. Revels absorbing part of the blow. She was hospitalized the following day and is getting along very well.

Mrs. Pierce barely escaped serious injury in the accident when she cleared a few seconds before the spot where the car struck. Mr. Ferris, New York State Liquor Authority Commissioner, and Mrs. Ferris, badly injured in the Tuesday afternoon accident, left a local hospital for a hospital in New York City Saturday afternoon. They were transferred in two Biggs ambulances to Rocky Mount where they were placed in a pullman for the remainder of the trip. One report stated that nearly thirty minutes' time were required to load the victims on the train.

Prominent in New York State politics, Mr. Ferris received many inquiries about his condition from friends in several states, including one from Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

### Most Towns In County Are About Holding Their Own

Most of the towns in this county are just about holding their own as far as population figures go, according to an unofficial report coming recently from Mrs. Bettie L. Coltrain, assistant secretary in the office of Congressman Herbert C. Bonner. A complete report is not yet available but figures released for six of the towns show that four had gains while two lost a few, as follows:

	1940	1950	Gain or Loss
Williamston	3,966	4,978	1,012
Robersonville	1,407	1,409	2
Jamesville	499	531	32
Oak City	512	515	3

Hamilton	524	513	11*
Everetts	265	244	21*
Parmele	417		
Hassell	150		
Gold Point	142		
Bear Grass	114		

\*Denotes loss. No report could be had for Parmele, Hassell, Gold Point and Bear Grass.

The population for the county was increased from 26,111 in 1940 to 27,972 in 1950, a gain of 1,861. About 55 percent of the gain was in Williamston while the rural or communities just outside the limits of incorporated towns accounted for the remaining approximately 45 percent gain.

### Old Town Board And Mayor To Run Again

### Rumored A Sixth Candidate Plans To Enter Contest

### Little Business Handled At Regular Meeting Of The Board Last Night

Breaking the greatest silence known to hover over a pre-election here in recent years, Williamston's mayor and five commissioners last night filed and announced their candidacies to succeed themselves in the municipal posts. Even though the town jobs will not have to go begging for candidates, there was not the eagerness for places in the official family that existed in the past several elections. While the last night filings are the only official ones, it is still rumored that a sixth candidacy is still pending with the possibility that others plan to enter the race before filing time ends at 6:00 o'clock Thursday evening of this week.

No announcement has been released, but rumor has it that a woman is considering entering the race for commissioner.

The decision to enter the race was reached only after all town business was cleared from the calendar at the regular board meeting last night. There was very little business before the group.

Messrs. Lilley and Miller, owners-operators of Home Laundry and Henry Griffin appeared before the board and discussed the possibility of improving Warren Street. They explained that the street is carrying a large volume of traffic, and that travel is difficult at times and the drainage is insufficient. The board agreed that something needs to be done there and that a study will be made, looking toward some relief.

A petition, carrying a large majority of the property owners, was presented to the board, calling for curb and gutter and side walks on both sides of West Main Street from that point where the pre-

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### HALF-HOLIDAYS

Shoppers are again reminded that local stores, offices and a few other business concerns will start observing Wednesday afternoons this week as holidays.

The stores are to close at 12:30 o'clock, and the schedule will be observed until the Wednesday before the opening of the tobacco market.

### Two Slightly Hurt In Series Of Auto Wrecks In County

### Property Loss Unofficially Estimated At More Than \$1,500

Two persons were slightly hurt and property damage, unofficially estimated at more than \$1,500, resulted in a series of three motor vehicle accidents reported on streets and highways in this county last week-end, according to reports coming from police and members of the State Highway Patrol.

The first in the series of accidents was reported about one and one-quarter miles west of Robersonville on Highway 64 late Friday night. James H. Kennedy, white man of Whitakers, was driving a GMC truck toward Robersonville when something got into his eye. The truck moved over the center of the highway about three feet and the left rear wheels of the truck ran up on the left rear fender of King Agrippa Williams' 1951 Chevrolet which was traveling toward Parmele. The truck turned over once or twice, but Kennedy was not hurt in the spill. Williams' wife was slightly hurt. Investigating the accident, Patrolman B. W. Parker estimated the damage to each vehicle at about \$600. Kennedy, booked for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

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### Delegation Asks Eighth Grade For Everetts School

### Board Delays Action On All Matters Until Later This Month

A fifteen-member delegation, headed by Mr. Woolard Peel, appeared before the regular meeting of the county board of education Monday and asked that their school be given an eighth grade. It was pointed out by the spokesman that Everetts had a good elementary school and since the eighth grade is now considered a part of the elementary school, it should be maintained there. Before the twelfth grade was added to the high school, the eighth grade has been included in the Robersonville system. There are 27 pupils in the present seventh grade at Everetts and the delegation would retain them in Everetts as a unit of the elementary system there.

No action was taken, Chairman J. D. Woolard explaining that a decision probably would be reached at a special meeting to be held later this month.

Only three members of the board were present for the scheduled meeting Monday. Board Member F. W. Holliday's term expired last Saturday and his successor, Howard Gaylord, has not qualified, one report stating that business had carried him out of the State to Louisiana for a few days. Member Borge Griffin had planned to attend but was absent because his son, Leon Earl Griffin, was undergoing a major eye operation in a Washington hospital.

Members J. D. Woolard, Cecil Powell and Ernest Edmondson were present, but they decided to wait for the full membership before taking any action on matters scheduled for consideration at the regular session.

The board in the special meeting is to appoint local committee-men for the next two years.

The names of Howard Gaylord, G. C. Griffin and Ernest Edmondson were included in the omnibus bill introduced a few days ago in the State Legislature. The terms of each were fixed for two years.

### Composes Poem On Her Family

Miss Shirley Jean Roberson, 13-year-old sixth grade student in the Hamilton School and numbered among the twenty children of Farmer and Mrs. Will Roberson of this county, composed the following poem:

MY FAMILY  
My mother's name is Janie,  
My father's name is Will,  
My little sister's name is Barbara,  
and my brother's name is Bill.

There is Jerry and Grady,  
Jimmy and Charlie,  
Maudy Pearl, Betty Lou,  
Frances and Polly.

There is Russell and Bennie,  
Mickey and Odell,  
Daisy, Allie Marie, Janie Ruth,  
and Annie Bell.

That isn't all. There is one I have left,  
That's my big brother,  
his name is Zeph.

That is enough, but as you can see,  
There is one more, and that is me.

### Firemen Called Out Here Sunday

Volunteer firemen were called to the R. D. Davis home on Lee Street here last Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock when an oil heater went out of control.

Only the pilot light was left burning earlier in the day and when it went out oil accumulated in the fire box. When a fire was started the surplus oil heated the stove red hot, smoked the house and threatened to spread to the woodwork and furnishings.

No estimate on the damage could be had, but most of it was caused by smoke.

### Collected 186 Pints Of Blood Last Week

### ROUND-UP

There was little activity on the crime front in this county last week-end, according to reports coming from the sheriff's office.

Five persons were arrested and temporarily detained in the county jail, one each for an assault, drunken driving, operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, issuance of worthless checks and public drunkenness.

One of the five was white and the ages of the group ranged from 19 to 37 years.

### J. Henry Beach Died Saturday At Home Of Son

### Retired Farmer Had Been In Declining Health For Several Months

John Henry Beach, retired farmer, died at the home of his son, Simon Beach, in Poplar Point Township last Saturday afternoon at 1:20 o'clock. He had been in declining health for some time, but his condition had been critical following an attack of influenza suffered in February. He was a patient in a local hospital for five weeks, but left the early part of last week for his son's home.

The son of the late Harry Beach and wife, he was born in Cross Roads Township 72 years ago and spent his early life there. After farming in Poplar Point Township a short time, he located in Williamston, building a home on the corner of Grace and Haughton Streets about 1916. After being employed by the Standard Oil Company a few years, he went back to the farm, making his home with his children following the death of his wife, the former Miss Leatha Wynne, twenty-five years ago.

Surviving are two sons, Simon Beach of Poplar Point, and George Beach of Williamston, and two daughters, Mrs. Paul Hyman of Hamilton and Mrs. George Bunch of Williamston.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of his daughter here Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Rev. E. R. Stewart, Baptist minister of Hamilton. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

### Old Schoolhouse Damaged by Blast

The abandoned Corey's schoolhouse in Griffins Township was damaged by a dynamite blast the early part of last week, but the work of vandals was not discovered until last Friday. Residents in the area said they heard the blast and added that windows in their homes rattled about noon on the day of the explosion.

Windows in the old building now owned by Alfred Ellis were broken, Deputy Sheriff Raymond Rawls stating that twelve big lights were shattered.

Following an investigation, James C. Peel, 16, and James D. admitted firing two sticks of dynamite beside the building "just for pure meanness."

### Community Concert Schedule Announced

The schedule of Community Concerts in Williamston and nearby towns this month is as follows: April 5—Rocky Mount, High school auditorium at 8:15 p. m. Morley and Gearhardt, duo pianists.

April 9—Williamston, High school auditorium at 8:15 p. m. Genevieve Rowe, soprano.

April 11—Kinston, High School auditorium at 8:15 p. m. Morley and Gearhardt, duo pianists.

### Contribution Tops Any Made In This Section Of State

### Second Trip Is Tentatively Set For Early Part Of Next July

With members of the National Guard unit leading the way, more than two hundred persons donated blood to the Red Cross blood bank here last Friday, establishing a northeastern North Carolina a new contribution record with 186 pints. Operated out of the Tidewater Regional Blood Center maintained in Norfolk by the American Red Cross, the bloodmobile was on its first visit to this chapter. Representatives of the Red Cross and the bloodmobile personnel were well pleased with the response to the appeal for blood, and all of them praised the cooperative spirit and friendliness displayed by the donors and volunteers who rendered valuable aid.

Plans for the bloodmobile visit were perfect and the operations were handled without a hitch. Volunteer workers and even the blood donors seemed to enjoy the experience. After assisting the operations during the day, several volunteers, including nurses, donated a pint of blood.

The American Legion Hut, the blood bank center for the day, was like a bee hive from 9:00 a. m. until after 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Police maintained one-way traffic on Watts Street and parking was solid on both sides from Main to Ray Street.

Receptionists greeted the donors at the door and directed them to the volunteer clerks where the first records were entered. A nurse then took the donor's temperature and pulse and checked his weight, a doctor then checking blood pressure and asking questions to make certain the volunteer was physically able to give blood. From that point the donor moved on to the big room where he gave the pint of blood. Old-time blood donors said the set-up was the best they had ever seen. Less than half an hour was needed, and the blood was taken with less pain than in any of the half dozen hospitals and centers they had visited.

A light meal was served the donors by volunteers and the center took on the atmosphere existing at a regular picnic. Although it was no little task to finally line up donors, Recruiters Bill Spivey and Wheeler Manning did an excellent job. Less than half a dozen of those

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### Debate Teams Win One And Lose One

Local high school teams, debating the issue, "Resolved, That the American People Should Reject the Welfare State," yesterday afternoon scooped over Greenville's team for the negative in Washington and lost to Washington's affirmative at Greenville in the first round of the State-wide triangular debate series.

Carrone Bryant and Ernest Taylor won by a two-to-one decision over Greenville, and Bobby Goff and Don Parsons dropped a decision to Washington's negative team in Greenville.

Bryant and Taylor will appear in the district debates to be held in Greenville within the next few days.

### Child Breaks Leg In Fall Down The Steps

Donald Clark, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Clark of Bear Grass fell and broke his leg in two places last Thursday. The accident took place when he fell down the steps in the pack house on his father's farm. He probably will be released from Brown's Community hospital today where he has been receiving treatment.